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GERMANS VAINLY TRY TO BREAK LINES OF ALLIES ON AISNE RIVER

NO DECISIVE RESULTS YET IN THE CONTEST

London Says German Lines Are Wavering—Belgian King Shoots Disloyal Chauffeur—No Change in Positions

Paris, Sept. 22.—The King of Belgium shot and instantly killed his chauffeur last night. The latter was a German spy and was trying to drive the king through the lines into German territory. The king drew his revolver and shot the man.

The Germans have tried vainly for the past 24 hours to break through the allies' lines. The attacks have become weaker and now the Germans are depending on the artillery to hold back the ranks of the allies. No decisive result has yet been reached in the battle of the Aisne river. The losses are enormous on both sides.

London, Sept. 22.—Reports here say that the German line is wavering and that the allies reinforced by fresh troops are rapidly getting in a position to crush the opposition.

Paris, Sept. 21.—Reports here are that the German artillery is wrecking Rheims and Soissons with shells and that both the Germans and allies are receiving enormous reinforcements to come to the front for an infantry battle when the artillery duel is over.

The allies are continuing the flanking movement on General Von Kluck's army with indescribable results. The losses are enormous.

Berlin, Sept. 21.—The offensive attack on the allies is reported here as progressing but there is no official information regarding the results.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Figuring on the official reports given by the governments of the belligerent powers' military experts here estimate that the killed or wounded on both sides during the past week's engagements number 300,000.

London, Sept. 21.—Reports from the front, says the Exchange Telegraph company's Paris correspondent, show that the French and British troops are fighting waist-deep in water, the rains having flooded their trenches.

From the Battle Front, via Paris, Sept. 21.—The bulk of the allied armies remains in the trenches waiting while their artillery exchanged a furious cannonade with the strongly placed German batteries.

Military experts here believe that the longer the battle endures the better it will be for the allied armies, who will thus be able to pass strong forces of fresh troops to places where they are needed along the front.

At the western end of the battle line Rheims has been the object of the greatest attention from the Germans, who time after time have unsuccessfully attempted to break through the allies' line after subjecting the town to an intense bombardment. It is the Germans' intention, it is understood, to capture Rheims, which is an important railroad junction, the possession of which would give them command of another road to the north. They have made an especial mark of the magnificent cathedral, which has been in flames since yesterday.

The allies, meantime, have made for themselves a strong position on the right bank of the Aisne, where they occupy all the heights. The Germans have taken advantage of the sites of the forts which were intended for the defense of Rheims, but which were abandoned by the allies when the invaders made a rapid dash southward from Belgium. A heavy hail storm with a cold wind added to the hardships of the entrenched troops, who are entirely

without tents, but it did not affect their spirits, which are high. All the commissariat departments of the allies are working splendidly; the men are well fed and clothed and are contented.

The German army when it evacuated Chalons left one of its chief surgeons and a corps of nurses in charge of a hospital filled with German and French wounded. The French medical officers found the hospital so well managed and the French wounded so well treated that the German surgeon was left in charge.

RESUME ATTACK ON VERDUN

Germans Again Begin Operations Against French Stronghold

Berlin (via The Hague), Sept. 22.—The army under command of the crown prince has resumed its attack on the great French stronghold of Verdun. The flower of the crown prince's army, backed up by a great number of big guns, are attacking Verdun on two sides, according to an official announcement by the German general staff.

Heavy reinforcements have been rushed to the German forces composing the right wing and center. It is believed the resumption of the Verdun attack and the sending of such large reinforcements of fresh troops to the right wing and center may be followed by an effort on the part of the Germans to attempt an offensive movement all along the line.

WILSON STRIVES FOR PEACE

North German Gazette Denies Fatherland Male Peace Overtures

Washington, Sept. 22.—President Wilson said today that he is prayerfully working for peace in Europe but indicated that nothing of a definite or formal character had been done. He told callers that publication of stories that he would call a world conference to discuss peace interfere with his serious work.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 22.—Commenting upon the alleged statement of Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, that his nation is looking for peace upon condition that the entirety of German territory be preserved, as presented in Washington dispatches, the North German Gazette, the official organ, declared in its issue of September 20 that the government has not even considered the matter.

"The assertions are intended," the paper says, "to foster the impression that we have tired of the war, in spite of our victories in east and west. Peace overtures may not be looked for till the war is brought to an honorable conclusion."

AUSTRIANS OCCUPY BRUSSELS

Message Says Germans Move Toward French and Russian Forts

Amsterdam, via London, Sept. 22.—According to a message which reached the Telegraaf the troops of the German empire who were in Brussels have left that city for the French and Russian fronts. The army occupying Brussels is now Austrian and has with it seven heavy siege guns.

MARCONI FIRM TO FIGHT U. S. REGULATION

New York, Sept. 22.—John W. Griggs, president of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company of America, announced today that his company is still determined to fight in the courts the right of the government to regulate its operations. Secretary of the Navy Daniels has threatened to close the company's wireless plant at Siasconset, Mass., unless a prompt and satisfactory explanation is forthcoming as to why the company handled an unneutral message from a British cruiser off the coast of New Jersey to a British admiral agent in New York asking for supplies.

ARMIES GAIN LITTLE GROUND

Big Battle Becomes Series of Siege Operations

ATTACKS ARE LIKE SORTIES

Artillery of Allied and German Armies in Duel—General Von Kluck's Army Not Outflanked

Paris, Sept. 22.—The official communication says:

"The engagements today have been less violent. We have made appreciable progress, notably between Reims and the Argonne."

London, Sept. 22.—The unparalleled struggle on the River Aisne which commenced about a week ago Saturday, has developed into siege operations. The two armies, strongly entrenched, are carrying on an artillery duel while the infantry made attacks and counter attacks, which are in the nature of sorties from a besieged fortress.

Occasionally one or the other gains a little ground, but it is so little that the opposing forces remain in their trenches or take up positions in new entrenchments immediately behind those from which they are driven. It is now becoming the conviction of military men that nothing except outflanking movements can have any serious effect on either army.

The Germans, according to their own official report, have been strongly reinforced both on their right, where General Von Kluck is making such a stubborn stand in almost impregnable positions on the hills north of Aisne, and in the center, where the Germans are making almost superhuman efforts to recapture Reims.

It is probably the desire to recapture this town at all costs, because of its importance as the key to the important communications that will improve all their connections for attack or retreat, that has led the Germans to continue the bombardment which has resulted in the destruction of the famous cathedral.

GUARD KAISER FROM AIR ATTACKS

London, Sept. 22.—The German emperor has taken up his quarters in Luxemburg, according to a Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph. Thousands of troops are stationed around the legation where he resides. To guard against possible raids by French aviators a squadron of aeroplanes is in constant readiness to beat off attacks.

BRITISH CRUISER PEGASUS REACHED

Gibraltar, via London, Sept. 22.—It is officially announced from Zanzibar that the cruiser Pegasus, which was recently attacked and disabled by the German cruiser Koenigsberg, has been beached.

MONTENEGRINS NEAR CAPITAL OF BOSNIA

London, Sept. 22.—A Montenegrin army is only ten miles from Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, according to a dispatch received by the Montenegrin minister from the foreign office at Cetinje.

SENATE EXPECTS TO ADJOURN OCTOBER 15

Washington, Sept. 21.—Congress which has been in continuous session for eighteen months is almost ready to send word to the president that it has completed its work.

Unless the European war should precipitate conditions now unforeseen, administration leaders said they could see no reason why adjournment should not be taken by October 15.

The Germans used machine guns, but at sunset, it is said, abandoned their position in disorder, leaving behind supplies, equipment and personal apparel. The Japanese suffered no casualties in this fight, but had three casualties among their cavalry while it was reconnoitering.

KOENIGSBERG, BESIEGED BY THE RUSSIANS



Koenigsberg, East Prussia, one of the strongest fortified cities in Germany, which the Russians are reported to have invested.

A HIGH HEDGE, AND POP-POP STRIKES CAR

An accident which occurred near the west Dickinson county line Sunday is an argument in favor of a hedge law such as the voters of this county may have a chance to vote upon in the November elections.

W. Gillman of New Cambria, riding a motorcycle, crashed into an automobile driven by J. F. O'Brien of the same place at a point on the Golden Belt road two miles east of New Cambria. Both machines were badly damaged and Gillman and O'Brien were hurt considerably, although not seriously. They were taken to New Cambria where they were treated by a physician. Their injuries were confined to bruises and cuts of lesser consequence. Mrs. O'Brien and four children and her mother were in the car with Mr. O'Brien but were unhurt.

Gillman was riding his machine east along the Golden Belt road, at a good rate of speed and O'Brien drove out of a side road to the Golden Belt. A high hedge obscured the drivers' views. The motorcycle struck the automobile on one side near the driver's seat.

Petitions have been sent out to the Dickinson township officers and if three-fourths of them ask that the question be submitted at the November election, then the voters will have a chance to express themselves. The hedge law, adoption of which is optional with the counties, provided that property owners must keep the hedges along the highways down to a height of four feet.

TO RACE SATURDAY

RAIN CAUSED POSTPONEMENT OF MOTOR EVENTS

Exhibits Coming in Despite Muddy Roads—Races According to Program Rest of the Week

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

A general rain over the county last night and this morning caused the directors of county fair management to postpone the motor car and motorcycle races, which were scheduled to begin the week's program this afternoon, until Saturday of this week. On Saturday the complete motor racing program will be carried out. Reports from many places in the county this morning were that heavy rains had made the roads muddy, so that the fair management thought it best to postpone the motor races, make Saturday a fair day, and give the people over the county a chance to come in for the automobile and motorcycle events, which will be features.

No races were held this afternoon, but the postponement of the official fair opening did not halt the preparations of the exhibitors, the amusement company and the refreshment stands people.

The judging does not begin until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The agricultural entry list closes at 6 o'clock this evening, and by tomorrow morning when the judges are to start their work the exhibits will

have been placed and agricultural hall will be a fine exposition of the fine things that Dickinsonians can grow and make.

The track, although soft today, will be benefitted by the rain last night unless more showers fall. The stables are filled with racers and the racing events, which will be carried out according to schedule tomorrow, promise an interesting series of events.

Early this morning, in spite of the rain, many exhibitors came to town with their showings, and the agricultural hall, a busy place yesterday, is even a more industrious place than ever. Downstairs, the agricultural exhibits will be shown, and upstairs Abilene business houses have their booths and wares and advertisements.

Isler Shows Open Tonight

The Louis Isler shows, which are now set up at the fair grounds, will provide some good amusement for the crowd. The company includes a merry-go-round, a minstrel show, a hypnotist show, a ferris wheel, a band and some good free attractions. The show will be open tonight. Mr. Isler is a Chapman boy and has many friends who will attend his shows.

About Dickinson Horses

The races for Wednesday are the 2:22 trot, the 2:24 pace, the 2:14 pace, and a five furlong running race. In the 2:22 trot Nig Harris, owned by W. H. Harris of Solomon, is entered. George Etherington's Billhurst is entered in the 2:24 pace and Abilene folks will be there to watch Billhurst, which has made a great record this year. W. H. Liggett will have two horses in the 2:24 pace. In the 2:14 pace, Tracy Conklin's Phil Hurst is entered.

Notes of the Fair

The Abilene band will play all during the fair week, including Saturday.

One of the products that is occasioning considerable interest is feterita, the forage crop which is comparatively new here. Stories of second crops and the fine appearance of the crop seem to promise that many farmers will plant feterita after they have seen the exhibits here.

Congressman George A. Neeley

Democratic candidate for the United States senate, will be in Abilene Saturday on a campaign trip and will speak in front of the grandstand at the fair grounds just before the motor races begin.

Thomas J. Talbert, bug expert

is here from Manhattan with his exhibit of bugs, and this will be an interesting part of the show in agricultural hall. Mr. Talbert has just been elected by the board of administration to the position of entomologist at the agricultural college. His particular field is to educate the people of Kansas in methods of controlling insect pests, and one of his first steps in his new work was the coming here.



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